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ST. MIHIEL SALIENT NOW THE SCENE OF GREATEST CONFLICT

SAMMIES CAPTURE TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS

AIDED BY THE FRENCH ST. MIHIEL THIAUCOURT, PANNES, BOUCONVILLE AND MONTSEC FALL BEFORE THE AMERICAN'S STRONG ATTACKS.

INVADEN ENEMY LINE AT SOME POINTS

(By United Press)
London Sept 13.—In the offensive against St. Mihiel the Americans captured sixty guns, according to the latest information.

The American advance is continuing on both sides of the salient today between the Meuse and the Moselle.

Additional prisoners are constantly being reported.

Rain is falling at intervals and the Germans are having difficulty in removing their artillery because of bad roads.

Among the captured is a German Count Schesying who was taken with baggage unpacked awaiting capture. There are 350 Austrians among the captured.

London Sept 13 (1:18 P. M.).—The advance of the American soldiers in the St. Mihiel sector, from the south reached a depth of eight miles according to information from the front.

The enemy has been blowing up ammunition dumps at Hattoville, in the center of the pocket.

The territory taken by the Americans indicate that the neck of the salient has been narrowed to less than six miles.

It is reported that the prisoners taken by the Americans now total 9,500.

The progress is so rapid that the situation is changing momentarily.

The capture of Vignulles in the center of the salient seven miles northwest of St. Baussant where the offensive hit the German line and Boney four and a half miles north and slightly east of St. Baussant is reported, also the town of Zandcourt has fallen.

The attack on the western side of the pocket runs into more difficult country, and with more serious resistance but the Americans advanced there to the depth of three miles.

German ammunition dumps at Domboux (not on the map, but there is a city Damp Vitoux slightly north of the actual battle zone) are also being blown up.

Washington Sept 13.—The capture by Americans of eight thousand prisoners and an advance of five miles at some points is reported by General Pershing in his Thursday communique as follows: "Assisted by French units we broke the enemy's resistance and our operations are still in progress."

By Fred S. Ferguson
With the American army on the Marne Sept 13.—All the American first objectives were secured on schedule time.

Paris Sept 13.—Americans are

FAIR PRICE FOOD CHANGES

The committee on fair prices for grocery and food products met on Wednesday evening and made some changes in prices in conformity with the wholesale prices on same and it was anticipated that these would have been published yesterday but unfortunately this could not be done until tomorrow however we beg to give the change in this issue.

The changes are shown in the following items:

Dry Salt Meat (plates) 30 cents
Sliced Bacon 65 cents; Bulk Bacon 60 cents; Cheese 38 cents; Eggs 45 cents; Molasses \$1.00 to \$1.10; Flour 90 cents; Steak (native beef) 35 cents; Roast 23 to 30 cents.

Sugar will be advanced a cent and a half a pound as soon as the present stock in the hands of the retailers are exhausted.

CZARINA HAS BEEN MURDERED

(By United Press)
London Sept 13.—The Daily Telegraph declares that there is no doubt that the Czarina and her daughter have been murdered.

harassing the Germans at many points along the front south of St. Mihiel salient where a big battle is being fought in series of raids in the Lorraine Vosges.

American troops captured a number of enemy positions and penetrating the German lines at some points.

Before retiring they captured and destroyed all material they could not carry away. Machine gun nests, blockhouses and dumps were blown up and very heavy loss inflicted on the enemy.

The artillery was quiet on the less active sectors of the front.

Paris Sept 13.—The Americans attack in the region of St. Mihiel continues successfully, the French war office announces.

By Frank J. Taylor
With the American troops in Alsace-Lorraine Sept 13.—It is officially reported that the French are now occupying St. Mihiel, at the tip of the salient.

The important town of Thiaucourt has been taken by the Americans who also seized Pannes, Bouconville and Montsec.

BRUSSLOFF REPORTED KILLED

(By United Press)
Copenhagen Sept 13.—Brussloff, the former commander in chief of the Russian armies was killed at Moscow near the Sabrine prison, according to dispatches from Kieff.

LIGHTER LIST OF CASUALTIES

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 13.—Four men is the day's contribution by North Carolina to the two lists issued by the war department, in total three hundred and fifty-nine names.

Corporal Connie D. Wheeler of Creedmoor, is reported as killed in action, while Sergt. Wm. A. Kay, of Bockfield, Corp. Jas. W. Shambley, of East Durham, and Private Jesse V. Elliot, of Holton, were each wounded severely.

The total list shows 76 killed in action, 41 missing in action, 173 wounded severely, 35 died of wounds, 14 died of accident and other causes, 9 died of disease, 8 wounded to a degree undetermined and two prisoners.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL LEGAL ADVISORY BOARDS OF HALIFAX COUNTY

To the Local Exemption Board of Halifax County:—

I take pleasure in herewith submitting the names of those appointed by me for service on the Legal Advisory Boards of Halifax county for the respective towns and townships. I have selected those men who, I feel sure, will gladly give of their time in the work of assisting the registrants of Halifax county in filling out their questionnaires. This list will be published in the papers of the county and the registrants should preserve the lists when so published, so that they may know upon whom to call for assistance.

- ROANOKE RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
W. L. Long, E. H. Ricks, J. T. Chase, J. M. Jackson, John W. House, A. M. Proctor.
- ROSEMARY
W. F. Hermer, T. W. Mullen, Thos. M. Jenkins, R. L. Topping.
- SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP
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Hugh Johnson, A. P. Kitchin, Sam Dunn, Stewart Smith, Ashby Dunn, Dr. A. C. Liverman, Dr. J. E. Shields, L. L. Cherry, Clee Vaughn.
- LITTLETON TOWNSHIP
LITTLETON
W. R. Harvey, B. R. Browning, W. H. Johnson, Rodney Glasgow, T. C. Alston.
- THELMA
J. P. Penn and Blady Hamill.
- FAUCETT TOWNSHIP
AURELIAN SPRINGS
John H. Taylor.
- THELMA R. F. D.
S. P. Johnston.
- HEATHSVILLE
W. R. Neville.
- PALMYRA TOWNSHIP
PALMYRA
W. H. Newell.
- HOBGOOD
Levira Leggett, W. N. Herring, Leon Shields, R. H. White.
- ROSENEATH TOWNSHIP
SCOTLAND NECK R. F. D.
Rufus Cherry, W. C. Allsbrook.
- BUTTERWOOD TOWNSHIP
LITTLETON R. F. D.
A. E. Carter.
- AIRLIE
S. T. Thorne Jr., W. E. Nicholson W. H. Thorne.
- Assuring your Board and the Registrants of Halifax county that the Council of Defense of Halifax County will serve the registrants in any way possible, I am,
Your very truly
R. C. DUNN
Chairman of Council of Defense of Halifax county
- CONCANNARA TOWNSHIP
TILLERY
J. O. Applewhite, Grover Howell.
- SPRING HILL
J. H. Darden.
- BRINKLEYVILLE TOWNSHIP
HOLLISTER
A. B. Schlichter, Ben Fishel.
- RINGWOOD
C. A. Williams Jr., J. E. Ayers Jr.
- ESSEX
H. W. Qualls, Sydney Williams G. L. Knight.
- BRINKLEYVILLE
N. M. Harrison Jr., N. G. Bethea.
- ENFIELD TOWNSHIP
ENFIELD
J. R. Matthews, Dr. C. Highsmith, P. O. Petaway, J. Waldo Whitaker, George H. Johnson, C. J. Edwards, E. D. Dodd, B. D. Mann.
- HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
HALIFAX
S. M. Gary, Swain Norman, W. F. Coppedge, E. N. Sater.
- WELDON TOWNSHIP
WELDON
Wm. L. Knight, Ashley Stainback, W. E. Daniel, R. S. Travis, H. G. Howe, D. R. Anderson, J. Pierce.
- ROANOKE RAPIDS TOWNSHIP

DAVID CLARK BRINGS FIRST BALE COTTON

David Clark of Palmyra district brought in yesterday the first bale of cotton of this year's crop. The bale weighed 440 pounds and looks like good middling cotton. It had not been sold this morning.

BERWICK FAILED TO DECLARE WAR

London Sept. 13.—One town in the British Isles is, technically, still at peace with the Central powers. It is Berwick-on-Tweed, a city on the North Sea coast, half in England, half in Scotland through which runs the boundary line of the River Tweed.

Under the British Constitution, Berwick must issue a separate declaration when the British government announces hostilities. It has just been discovered that Berwick was overlooked in the declaration of August 4, 1914. At the same time it was realized that Berwick is, technically, still at war with Russia, having forgotten to proclaim peace at the end of the Crimean war in 1856.

BRITISH GAINS DESPITE STRONG RESISTANCE

GERMAN INFANTRY, ASSISTED BY AIR SQUADRON, TRY TO RETAKE HAVRINCOURT BUT ARE BEATEN OFF WITH VERY GREAT LOSS

ENEMY REPULSED ON CAMBRI FRONT

SLACKERS TAKEN AT CARNIVAL

(By United Press)
Durham Sept 13.—Forty five men are in the city jail awaiting a hearing to determine if they are slackers as a consequence of a raid last night on the carnival here.

The police, sheriffs' posse and two hundred arrested fifteen to twenty who are likely to prove genuine slackers.

ADOPTED FOR DURATION OF THE WAR

(By United Press)
London Sept 13.—English and French children are founding an "entente" of their own.

These little French children whose parents find it impossible to remove them from Paris and the terrors of a daily bombardment are to be adopted into English families "for the duration of war."

Many a lonely little English child will profit by companionship of a bright, vivacious French child and the French child will have an opportunity of studying the English life and language.

Parents all over England are sending out invitations for "duration" adoptions, glad to do something to lighten the lot of the harassed French mother who is in daily fear for her child's safety.

HE HELPED MAKE THE SECURITY LEAGUE



(By United Press)
London Sept 13.—General Haig reports that the British gained the possession of Holon wood driving the enemy from the localities offering resistance.

Further north of the line an advance was made east of Jeancourt which is in our hands.

Strong hostile forces assisted by a squadron of German airplanes, attacked our new positions at Havrincourt but were repulsed with great loss.

Opposite Mouzeville, on the Cambrai front, hostile infantry assembled for counter attacks, but were observed and subjected to heavy fire making the attack unsuccessful, only a few Germans reaching our lines, these being of their killed or taken prisoners.

Progress was also made during the night west of Auehy le Basse.

Paris Sept 13.—West of St. Quentin, northeastward toward Mesnil les Hurlus an important enemy surprise attack was repulsed.

In the region of Verdun our several surprise attacks brought in prisoners.

Germans in force continue to resist near Gouzeaucourt throwing the Australians back to their line south of "dead man's corner".

Under a hurricane bombardment from trench mortars supported by heaviest machine guns the Verdun the British garrison is reported to be holding nevertheless.

AT RED CROSS YESTERDAY

The following ladies were working in the workshop Wednesday: Mesdames Flaucher, Rebe Shields Hilliard, Hassell, Livermon, Arthur Roberson, Norma Walston, Walter Hancock T. W. Russell, Arrington and Martin.

There were about sixty five refugee garments taken out to be made, Caroline Powell taking a bout twenty one for the Colored Auxilliary.

Yesterday Mesdames Shields and Hilliard spent the afternoon there and got the allotment arranged for the Hobgood Auxilliary which is to going to make fifty. The others will be distributed today, and it is hoped will be finished and returned by the last of the month.

There is an urgent call for Red Cross nurses and also for young women to go into the various training schools to prepare themselves to fill the places of the large number who have gone into the military hospitals and to work at the front.